

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: HYVARINEN, Jaakko et al. Conf.:
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MODIFYING THE
IRRADIANCE DISTRIBUTION OF A RADIATION
SOURCE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the

radiation is a laser beam.